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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, PBOR, JO, US, MR
SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING HUSSEIN

SUMMARY: KING HUSSEIN SAID MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT
WENT WELL, WITH ONLY ADDITIONAL JORDANIAN MILITARY TRAINING
REQUESTED. KING NOT SURPRISED BY NUMAIRY'S NON-SUCCESS THUS
FAR IN RECONCILING SYRIA AND EGYPT. KING SOMEWHAT CONCERNED
OVER REPORTS OF INTERNAL UNREST IN IRAN IN WAKE OF AFGHAN-
ISTAN COUP. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS MAY 14, KING HUSSEIN
COMMENTED THAT RECENT VISIT BY MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT
OULD DADDAH HAD GONE WELL. DESPITE EXPECTATIONS
DADDAH DID NOT ASK FOR ARMS BUT ONLY FOR AN
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INCREASE IN PLACES FOR MAURITANIANS IN JORDANIAN
MILITARY SCHOOLS WHICH KING HAPPY TO SUPPLY. OTHER
BILATERAL ITEM WAS POSSIBILITY JORDANIAN AIRLINES
(ALIA) MAY CONSIDER EXTENDING LFIGHT SERVICE FROM
MOROCCO TO MAURITANIA. KING SAID MAJOR THEME OF
DADDAH'S WAS DIVERSION OF MAURITANIAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS BECAUSE OF POLISARO WAR AND

NEED TO RETRIEVE THIS SITUATION.

2. KING ALSO MENTIONED "DISTURBING REPORTS" ABOUT INTERNAL OUTBREAKS IN IRAN AND ATTRIBUTED THEM ULTIMATELY TO THE UNSETTLED CONDITIONS CAUSED BY RECENT LEFTIST COUP IN AFGHANISTAN.

3. REGARDING NUMAIRY TRAVELS TO HELP MOVE FORWARD AN ARAB SUMMIT, KING SAID HE WAS SURPRISED THAT NUMAIRY BROADENED HIS MISSION TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN SYRIA AND EGYPT, WHOSE RECONCILIATION REMAINS THE KEY TO RESUMING ARAB SOLIDARITY. KING UNDERSTOOD NUMAIRY IN HIS OTHER VISITS MAY BE TRYING TO ARRANGE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND SOME ARAB COUNTRIES WITH WHOM RELATIONS WERE BROKEN AFTER THE SADAT INITIATIVE. GIVEN NUMAIRY'S PARTIALITY TO SADAT, KING WAS NOT SURPRISED HE WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN RECONCILING SYRIA AT THIS POINT. KING SAID SHORT NOTICE PREVENTED NUMAIRY FROM VISITING JORDAN LAST WEEK BUT KING HAS TOLD HIM HE IS WELCOME TO COME ANYTIME A DATE CAN BE WORKED OUT.
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